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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN OFFER TO MEDIATE KHMER CONFLICT

USDEL JEC PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

1. IN THREE CABLES OVER THE PAST 48 HOURS KHMER
AMBASSADOR TO TOKYO SIM VAR HAS BEEN PRESSING THE GKR
TO ACCEPT AN OFFER QTE OF THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IN SETTLING THE KHMER CONFLICT
UNQTE, WHICH HE REPORTS THAT HIS ETHIOPIAN COLLEAQUE
MADE HIM APRIL 26. LON NOL TODAY CABLED SIM VAR TO
EXPRESS THANKS FOR THE OFFER, AND TO ASK FOR DETAILS.

2. UNABLE TO REACH ME THE AMBASSADOR FOREIGN MINISTER
AND TO ASK FOR ADVICE; PRIME MINISTER HANG THAN HAK ALSO
PRESENT. ENDERS SAID THAT THE OBVIOUS QUESTIONS ARE (A)
IS THE OFFER SERIOUS? (SIM VAR IS OFTEN ON HIS OWN
PEACEKICK AND CONCEIVABLY COULD HAVE COOKED UP THE
PROPOSAL WITH THE AMBASSADOR ONLY); (B) IF IT IS SERIOUS,
IS THE GKR READY TO ENTER INTO A MEDIATION BETWEEN ITSELF
AND SIHANOUK? (HAILE SELASSIE' S LONGSTANDING FRIENDSHIP
WITH THE PRINCE WOULD APPEAR TO MAKE THIS AN INEVITABLE
PART OF THE PACKAGE); (C) IS THE GKR READY FOR

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MEDIATION, BEFORE THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL

HAS BEEN ABLE TO ACT TO REDRESS THE INTERNAL POLITICAL
AND THE MILIARY SITUATION?; (D) IF THE GKR IS READY FOR
MEDIATION, IS ETHIOPIA THE BEST GO- BETWEEN?

3. HAK AND BORET AGREED WITH THESE QUESTIONS. THE
MARSHAL' S FIRST THOUGHTS, THEY SAID, HAD BEEN TO BE
CAREFUL NOT TO TURN THE ETHIOPIANS OFF. WHERE A BREAKTHROUGH DID
OCCUR, PRG' S
RESPONSE TO TOTAL OF 1250 OFFERED WAS THAT PRG' S TOTAL OF 637
WAS FINAL AND THAT NO FURTHER AUGMENTATION WILL BE MADE.

12. EMBOFF RAISED MATTER OF LOC NINH LIAISON FLIGHTS. THUAN
STATED THAT THIS WAS ONLY ONE ASPECT OF BROADER QUESTION OF FLIGHTS
TO ALL REGIONS AND SUB- REGIONS. RVN IS READY TO ACCOMMODATE
PRG, ONCE DEPLOYMENT OCCURS, BUT WILL NOT ACCEPT CORRIDORS OR
ALTITUDE LIMITATIONS. THUAN DID CONCEDE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE
OF LOC NINH TO PRG AND ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED OUR SPECIAL CONCERN
ABOUT THIS ISSUE AS IT RELATES TO THE WORK OF THE FPJMT (MIA).
HE INDICATED THAT RVN WOULD CONTINUE TO AUTHORIZE TWO OR THREE
LIAISON FLIGHTS TO LOC NINH PER MONTH, BUT ASSERTED THAT RVN
WOULD CONTINUE TO USE PRG DEPENDENCE ON VNAF FOR AIR TRANSPORT
AS MEANS OF EXERTING CONTINUING PRESSURE ON PRG TO DEPLOY.
THUAN HAD NO OBJECTION TO US DEL TO FPJMZ PROVIDING LIMITED
NUMBER OF LIAISON FLIGHTS (E. G. NOT TO EXCEED THREE PER MONTH) TO
LOC
NINH ON STRICTLY US MIA BUSINESS.
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